



WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

# MARCH 2023 Early Literacy At Home Learning

Help your child develop early literacy skills and Grow Up Reading™. Enjoy a fun family activity each day that helps teach important pre-reading skills.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>@ the West Bloomfield Township Public Library growupreading.org</p>			<b>1 Talking</b> Talk about things that start with the letter "M," just like the month of March.	<b>2 Singing</b> Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Sing the Happy Birthday song for Dr. Seuss today.	<b>3 Reading</b> Celebrate Dr. Seuss all month and read a different Dr. Seuss book each week!	<b>4 Writing</b> Make an alphabet book by putting one letter on a page and drawing something that starts with that letter.
<b>5 Counting</b> Look at a calendar of the month and count the number of days in March.	<b>6 Playing</b> Play with sugar and snow. Mix the sugar with snow and see what happens.	<b>7 Talking</b> During a grocery trip talk about the items you are buying. What do you use those items to make?	<b>8 Singing</b> Make up a silly song about your day.	<b>9 Reading</b> Choose a repeating word in your book and find the word throughout the book as you read together.	<b>10 Writing</b> Mix blue paint and yellow paint together. What color do you get? Write letters on a paper with your new color.	<b>11 Counting</b> Measure 5 things in your home with a ruler. Count the numbers on the ruler together.
<b>12 Playing</b> Crank up the tunes and have a dance party!	<b>13 Talking</b> Visit the Main Library for Drop-In Crafts! Talk about what you made and what items you used to make your craft.	<b>14 Singing</b> Sing a song from your favorite movie together.	<b>15 Reading</b> Spring is coming this week! Prepare by reading a book about spring.	<b>16 Writing</b> Make your own shamrock shape with a green crayon. Write some letters on the inside.	<b>17 Counting</b> Use leftover cereal to count. You can even try adding and subtracting with your cereal pieces.	<b>18 Playing</b> Pretend to be a puppy. How do you move around? What noises do you make?
<b>19 Talking</b> Try to find all the colors of the rainbow in your house. Walk around and talk about each item and its color.	<b>20 Singing</b> Clap your hands to the beat as you sing your favorite nursery rhyme.	<b>21 Reading</b> Pick a simple word such as "a" or "the" and point that word out while you read a story together.	<b>22 Writing</b> Write with chalk. Go outside if it's nice and use the cement or use a piece of paper indoors.	<b>23 Counting</b> Find and count 8 green things in your house.	<b>24 Playing</b> Spring is officially here! Go outside and run as fast as you can!	<b>25 Talking</b> Get a book with no words from the library and talk about what's happening throughout the book.
<b>26 Singing</b> Sing "5 Little Crayons Jumping on the Bed."	<b>27 Reading</b> Read labels that you see on items in your house.	<b>28 Writing</b> Practice writing the letter "S" for spring.	<b>29 Counting</b> Lace beads or cheerios onto string and count the pieces as you go along.	<b>30 Playing</b> Make silly faces in the mirror with an adult or sibling.	<b>31 Talking</b> It's National Crayon Day! Draw a picture and talk about the color crayons you used.	

# The library partners with parents to help children Grow Up Reading™

Parents are a child's first teachers. Help your child develop essential early literacy skills and build a strong foundation for future reading success with these six powerful practices.

**Talking** | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing** | **Counting**

## Grow Up Reading™ Tips for March: Counting

- Read, tell stories, sing songs, and recite poems that include numbers and counting. Try to include books in which characters come and go as the story progresses.
- Play simple board games that call on players to count spaces on the board, and to recognize printed numerals or their representation (such as “dots on dice”).
- Begin teaching your child about numbers and counting by modeling those techniques yourself. For example, tell your child how old they are and hold up the correct number of fingers. Can they do the same? Make counting a natural part of your interactions with your child and they won't even realize they're learning.

## Book Suggestions for March:

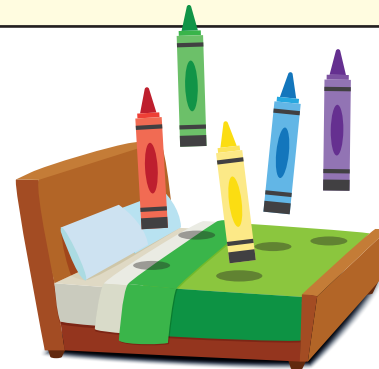
*Gold* by Jed Alexander

*Field Trip to the Ocean Deep*  
by John Hare

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar's  
First Spring* by Eric Carle

*Oh The Places You'll Go*  
by Dr. Seuss

*The Hidden Rainbow*  
by Christie Matheson



## Five Little Crayons Jumping on the Bed

Five little crayons jumping on the bed.  
One fell off and bumped his head!  
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,  
“No more crayons jumping on the bed!”

*Continue with 4, 3, 2, 1 crayons  
jumping on the bed.*

No more crayons jumping on the bed.  
They all fell and bumped their heads.  
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,  
“Lay those crayons down in bed!”

**SCRIBBLE DAY  
STORYTIME  
AND  
CRAFTS**

*Recommended for birth - 5 years*

Get creative at the library and join us for National Scribble Day! This interactive program will encourage your child's imagination while creating art regardless of artistic ability.

**Main Library Youth Activity Center**  
**No registration is required.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27  
AT 11 AM**



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Sunday (Main): Noon – 6 PM  
Sunday (Main, Summer): Noon – 5 PM  
Sunday (Westacres): Noon – 5 PM

